EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME ITALY-CROATIA
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

In programme Italy-Croatia, **31% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities**. This level of awareness is equal to the EU average. Awareness is slightly higher on the Croatian side (33%) than on the Italian side of the border (30%).

Overall, in this border region, younger people tend to be less aware of EU-funded CBC activities, as illustrated in the graph below.

2/ Mobility

**30% of respondents in programme Italy-Croatia have traveled to the other side of the border.** This is less than the EU average of 53%.

There is a difference between both sides of the border: 35% of HR respondents have been to Italy, whereas 25% of IT respondents have been to Croatia.
The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is **leisure and tourism**: 26% of all respondents have crossed the border for this reason. The next most frequent reason is **buying goods and services**, relevant for 12% of respondents.

### Trust

In programme Italy-Croatia, **83% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager**. This is very similar to the EU average of 82%.
Here again there is a difference between the two countries: 76% of IT respondents trust their Croatian neighbours, whereas 90% of HR respondents trust their Italian neighbours.

4/ Obstacles

For a majority of respondents (52%), living near the border has no impact. For 36% it is considered as “more of an opportunity”, and 4% of people responded that it is more of an obstacle.

81% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.

Respondents could select several obstacles. The most frequent obstacle is language (mentioned by 59% of people, which is slightly higher than EU average 57%). Social and economic differences (45%), as well as legal and administrative differences (44%) are the next most frequent obstacles to CBC and the percentages are close to EU averages (of respectively 46% and 45%). The least applicable obstacles are cultural differences (35%, still higher than EU average 32%) and accessibility (34%, higher than EU average 30%).
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 34%
- Cultural differences: 35%
- Legal or administrative differences: 44%
- Social and economic differences: 45%
- Language: 59%